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IMPROVEMENT OF TELECOM SERVICES IN STATES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing communication system in Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is inferior in comparison to other States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the communication system in these States; and

(d) the amount spent on the development of communication system in these States during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) In order to further improve the communication system, following steps are taken in phased manner to improve the services:

(i) Connecting all exchanges on reliable digital media.

(ii) Replacement of under ground paper core cables by other systems in phased manner;

(iii) Creation of pole less network to reduce drop wire.

(iv) Opening of more telephone exchange (Remote Switching Units/Remote Line Units (RSUs/RLUs) thereby reducing exchange area size.

(v) Introduction of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), Digital Line Concentrators to reduce Under Ground Cable.

(vi) Conversion of Single Base Module (SBM) into (RSUs).

(vii) Conversion of C-DOT 256 Port exchanges into AN- RAXs (Access Network − Rural Automatic Exchanges).

(viii) Centralized fault booking at SDCC (Short Distance Charging Centre)/LDCC(Long Distance Charging Centre).

(ix) Provision of maintenance free battery sets and Engine Alternators for back-up power supplies.

(x) Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) entered for WLL equipments working in rural area including Fixed Wireless Towers (FWTs) and provision of AMC in new supplies.

(xi) Provision of extended maintenance free battery with WLL- FWT for providing longer talk time and standby time.

(xii) Battery charger of FWT to operate in the voltage range of 90-300 V.

(xiii) Augmentation of GSM network capacity progressively.

(d) Amount spent on the development of communication system in Uttaranchal, Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh States during last three years is given below:

Sl.No.	Name of State	Amount spent (in Crores of Rupees)		
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Uttaranchal	149.68	174.01	83.26
2.	Madhya Pradesh	635.00	466.69	222.39
3.	Chhatisgarh	93.30	126.12	78.90